

# MRFSS Facts and Figures

## Rhode Island 1998



Five Frequently Encountered Fish 1998					
Species	Number Caught (Thousands)	Number Harvested (Thousands)	Pounds Harvested (Thousands)	Number Released (Thousands)	Mean Length (Harvested Fish)
STRIPED BASS	658	45	672	613	35.0"
SUMMER FLOUNDER	640	395	786	245	17.2"
BLUEFISH	397	194	931	203	18.3"
TAUTOG	147	56	316	91	18.2"
WINTER FLOUNDER	55	38	58	17	14.6"

Length data are reported as fork length. (For most species = tip of snout to fork in tail).

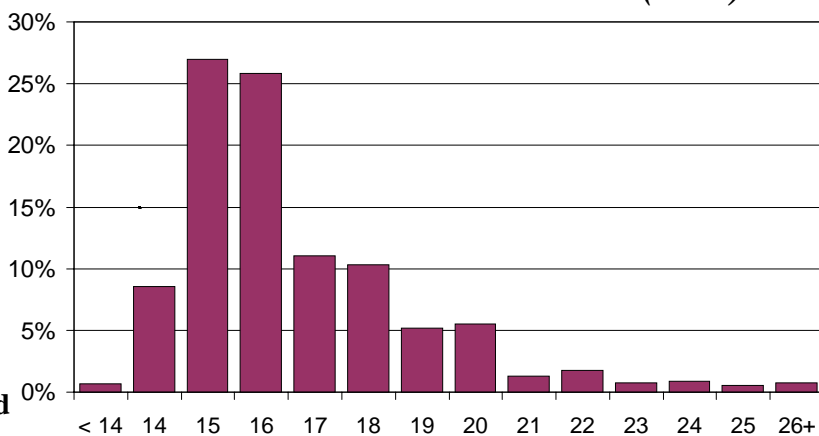
### Summer Flounder

*Paralichthys dentatus*



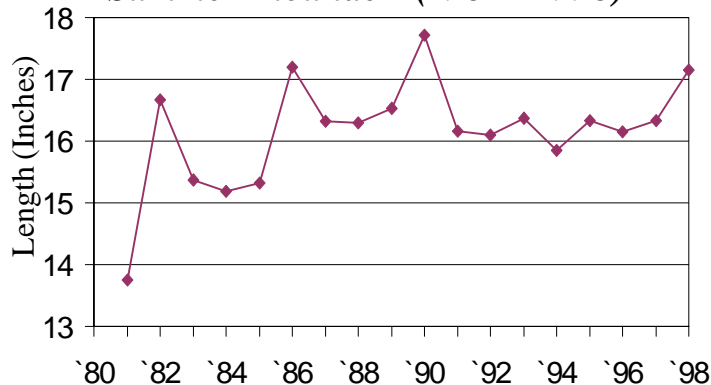
Since 1981, MRFSS field personnel have identified over 70 species of marine fish landed in Rhode Island.

### Length Distribution (in inches) Harvested Summer Flounder (1998)

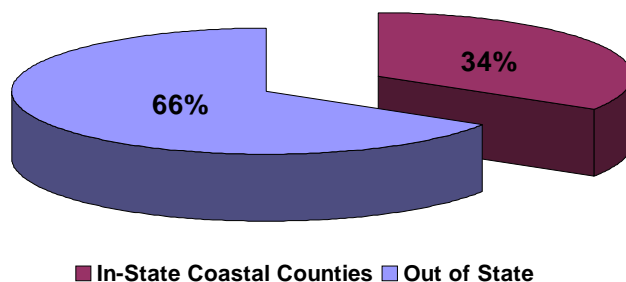


In 1998, nearly 53% of harvested summer flounder averaged between 15 and 16 inches in length.

### Average Length of Harvested Summer Flounder (1981 - 1998)



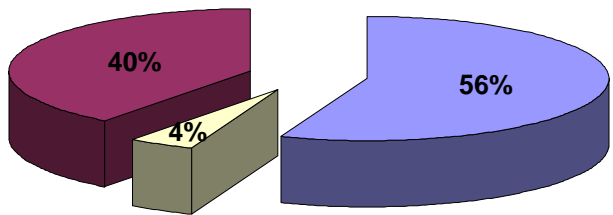
### Rhode Island Anglers' Area of Residence (1998)



All of RI is considered "coastal."

In 1998, nearly 283,000 anglers participated in Rhode Island's Marine Recreational Fishery.

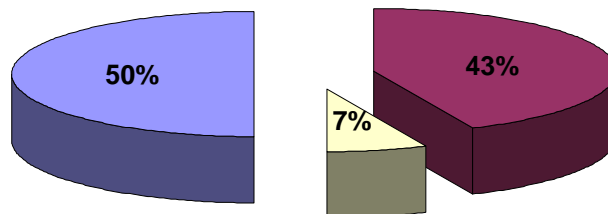
### *Saltwater Fishing Trips by Fishing Mode (1998)*



■ Shore ■ Party/Charter Boat ■ Private/Rental Boat

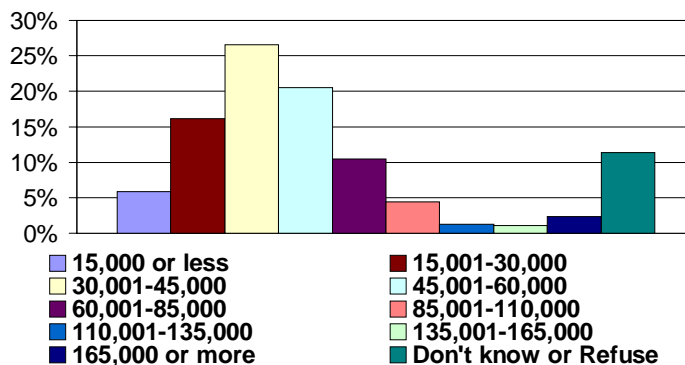
In 1998, anglers took over 1.1 million saltwater fishing trips in Rhode Island.

### *Saltwater Fishing Trips by Area Fished (1998)*

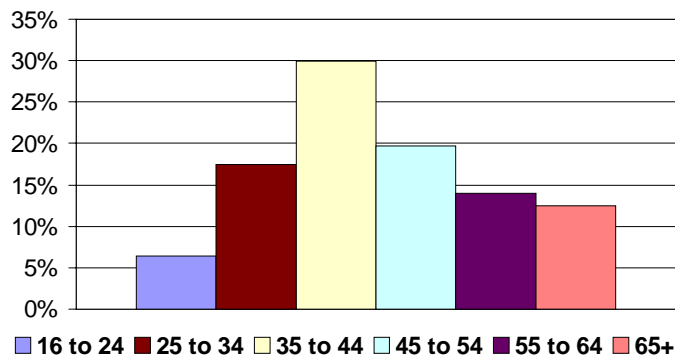


■ State Waters ■ Federal Waters ■ Inland Waters

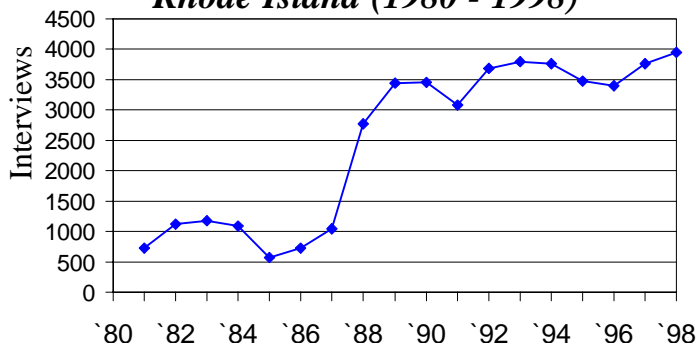
### *Income Distribution for Rhode Island Anglers (1994)*



### *Age Distribution of Rhode Island Anglers (1994)*



### *Number of Completed Field Surveys Rhode Island (1980 - 1998)*



In 1998, MRFSS field personnel completed 3,946 surveys in Rhode Island.

Large increases in the number of completed interviews represent years in which state contributions increased the total MRFSS sample size.

In 1998, contributions by the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management increased the number of completed field surveys by 308% over the base MRFSS.

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